GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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ALLOTMENT OF LAND TO OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Land and Development Office has allotted the land to oil companies for filling-cum-service stations in Delhi and it was required to fix the lease rent for the land and revise the same after every five years;

(b): if so, whether the rent has been revised regularly every five years;

(c): if not the reasons therefor alongwith the financial loss caused to the State on this account; and

(d): the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): The ground rent which was fixed in 1979 was revised w.e.f. 1/10/1986. However, the Oil Companies did not paythe revised rates on the plea that the matter was being looked into by the Ministry of Petroleum and National Gas. Since no consensus was arrived at on this issue, it was decided on 9.9.1998 to recover the ground rent on the rates revised w.e.f. 1/10/86 and to take action under the terms of the lease in case the Oil Companies fail to pay revised rates. A number of outlets have since paid the enhanced ground rent and action as per terms of lease has been initiated against the companies which have not paid the revised ground rent. In September `98, a Group was set up under the Chairmanship of the Finance Member, DDA to examine the issues relating to further revision of ground rent of petrol pump sites and the related issues and the group has since submitted its report. Further revision of Ground rent will be taken up together with revision of land rates for other categories.